



November 5, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company  
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to nominate a representative to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") Board of Directors for competitive local exchange carriers, in response to the Wireline Competition Bureau's Public Notice seeking nominations.<sup>1</sup>

I would like to nominate Jonathan Askin to the CLEC position on the USAC, formerly held by Dave Conn, of McLeodUSA. Jonathan is General Counsel to the Association for Local Telecommunications Services ("ALTS"), the leading national trade association representing facilities-based competitive local exchange carriers. As the chief legal counsel to ALTS, Mr. Askin focuses on the full range of issues concerning competition in local telecommunications, including universal service issues.

Mr. Askin worked in the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau for two years before joining ALTS. Prior to the FCC, he was a Deputy Public Advocate with the New Jersey Public Advocate and the New Jersey Ratepayer Advocate, where he represented the public on telecommunications and cable television issues. Mr. Askin also practiced law with the New York offices of Davis, Polk and Wardwell, where he worked as a litigator and transactional attorney. Mr. Askin is an honors graduate of both Harvard and Rutgers Law School, and clerked for the late Chief Justice Robert Wilentz of the New Jersey Supreme Court. A copy of his resume is appended below.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I apologize for the late filing of this nomination and hope it will be considered as if timely filed.

Sincerely,

John Windhausen, Jr.

cc: Sheryl Todd (2 copies)

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<sup>1</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Seven Board Member Positions on Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, DA 03-2957 (rel. September 26, 2002).

## Resume of Jonathan Askin

### EMPLOYMENT

#### ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

(4/99 - present)

GENERAL COUNSEL. Chief legal counsel to the leading national trade association representing facilities-based competitive telecommunications carriers. Focus on Congressional, FCC and state lobbying as well as representing the interests of the industry before state and Federal judicial and administrative bodies.

#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

(6/97 - 4/99)

##### SENIOR ATTORNEY, COMMON CARRIER BUREAU, POLICY & PROGRAM PLANNING DIVISION.

Focus on issues related to transitioning telecommunications industry from a regulated monopoly to a competitive industry with emphasis on implementing local competition provisions of 1996 Telecommunications Act and promoting deployment of advanced telecommunications services.

#### NEW JERSEY RATEPAYER ADVOCATE – TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION.

(3/96 - 6/97)

DEPUTY PUBLIC ADVOCATE. Represented the public interest in telecommunications and cable matters. Focused on promoting competition and deploying advanced telecommunications services.

#### TELECOM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

(1/94 - 4/96)

##### PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL. Focused on telecommunications and general commercial practice.

Emphasis on joint venture projects to build and operate advanced wireless voice, data and video delivery systems in developing countries; transactional work related to cellular, paging, video and local loop bypass telephony; general commercial litigation; film and entertainment law. Maintained offices in New York and New Jersey.

#### NEW JERSEY PUBLIC ADVOCATE.

(3/93

- 1/94)

ASSISTANT DEPUTY PUBLIC ADVOCATE. Highest grade assistant deputy in New Jersey. Managed docket of Federal, Constitutionally-based class action litigation protecting the public interest against government encroachment. Experience included arguing motions in Federal Court and before various judicial and administrative bodies; taking depositions and direct and cross-examination; negotiating and enforcing settlement agreements; preparing administrative regulations and legislation; and lobbying before the legislature.

#### DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL.

(11/91 - 3/93)

ASSOCIATE. Worked on all phases of litigation and corporate transactions. Focus on securities, joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions for Fortune 500 companies.

#### CHIEF JUSTICE WILENTZ, NJ SUPREME COURT.

(9/90 - 9/91)

LAW CLERK. Analyzed legal issues, wrote bench memoranda and drafted opinions for the chief of the New Jersey court system on landmark cases with broad state and national import. Cases and controversies included complex free speech, death penalty, housing discrimination, school desegregation, search and seizure, and takings issues.

### EDUCATION

#### RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL. *J.D.* with honors. GPA = 3.75

(9/87 - 6/90)

Activities: Law Review, Notes and Comments Editor; Legal Writing Instructor; SBA.

Awards: Order of the Coif; Eli Jarmel Prize.

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY. *A.B. cum laude*. Concentration: Economics.

(9/82 - 6/86)

Activities: Editor, *Harvard Crimson*; Disc Jockey, WHRB; Chairman, Quincy House Committee; Math, physics and economics tutor; Phillips Brooks House Association.

Awards: Finalist, Wendell Prize (awarded to top ranked Freshman); Harvard College Scholarship; Quincy House Scroll; Dean's List every semester.

Admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey